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Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Communication dated September 22, 2004. The Office Communication set forth a one month period for reply. As such this response is timely filed.

The Office Communication requests that the Applicants point out where support for a probe having "an attached transition metal ligand complex", is found in the original disclosure.

In reply, the Applicants respectfully point out that support for this such a probe is found in several places in the specification, including: Fig. 3A (i.e., element 1 is a probe labeled with a transition metal ligand complex "ML"), page 7, line 11 ("a probe 1 labeled with a transition metal-ligand complex 2"), page 9, lines 1-2 ("transition metal-ligand complex 2 is shown as (ML) in the diagram and is attached at the end of probe 1"), for example.

The Applicants note claims 7, 16 and 20 were amended to recite the phrase "an attached transition metal ligand complex" in the response filed on February 6, 2004, without issue.

The Applicants respectfully submit that the Office Communication dated September 22, 2004 has been adequately addressed. The Applicants again submit that all of the claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested without any further delay.

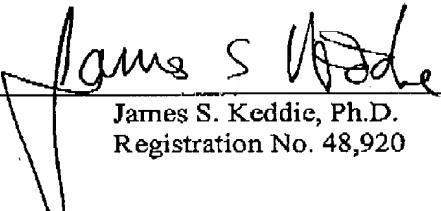
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Respectfully submitted,
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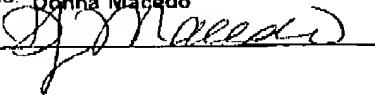
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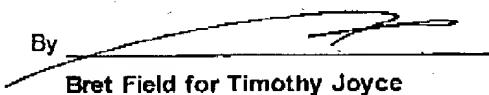
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